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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the

- ☒ patent application of  
☐ continuation patent application of  
☐ divisional patent application of  
☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: **Apparatus and Method for Recording and Reproducing Information**

☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:

Japanese Patent Application 2000-006062, Filed January 11, 2000

the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

☐ Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 41 page(s) of specification  
☒ 8 page(s) of claims  
☒ 1 page of Abstract  
☒ 20 sheet(s) of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawing(s).

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A Power of Attorney by Assignee with Certificate Under 37 CFR Section 3.73(b).

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ is enclosed ☐ was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.

A certified copy of a Japanese application.

Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.

A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.

Notification of change of ☐ power of attorney ☐ correspondence address filed in prior application.

**Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f),**

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